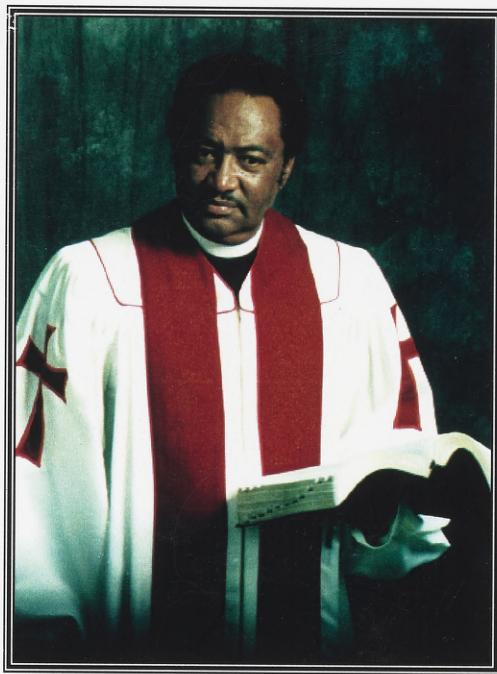


**Memorial Services  
for  
Supt. J.T. Jones**

Sunrise  
March 27, 1931

Sunset  
March 30, 2003



**Friday, April 4, 2003 - 7:00 p.m.**

**New Jerusalem Church of God in Christ  
420 S. Santa Fe Avenue  
Compton, CA. 90221**

*Elder Sam Jones, Presiding*



## Obituary

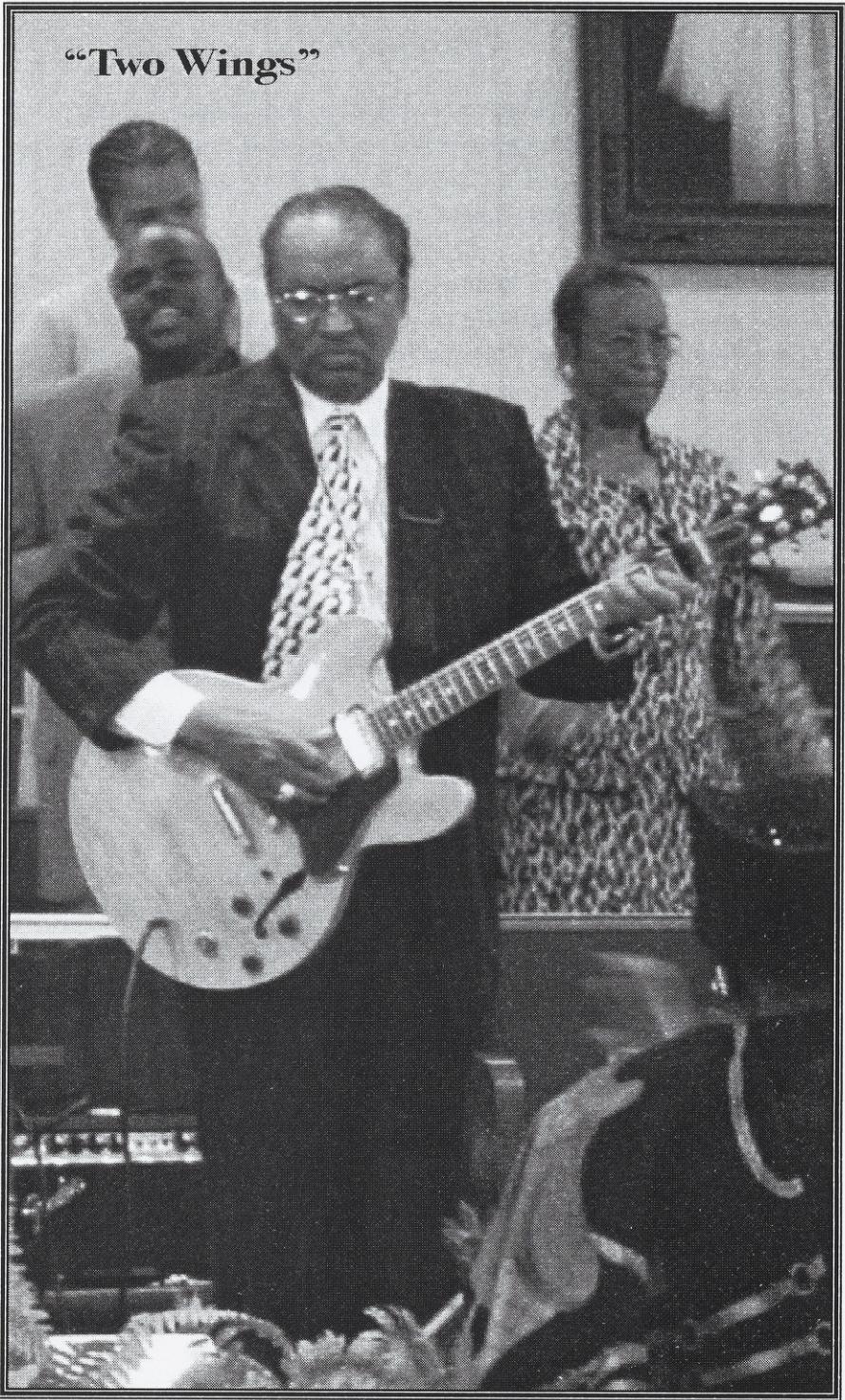
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I won't be far away for life goes on, so if you need me call and I will  
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And when you must come this way alone, I'll greet you with a smile  
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**“Two Wings”**



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## **Order of Service**

*Elder Samuel Jones, Presiding*

Invocation

Old Testament Scripture

Psalms 8:4-9

New Testament Scripture

I Corinthians 15:51-58

Medley of Songs (Pastor's Favorites)

Choir

Tribute

Sis. Alma Jones

Remarks (limit to 2 min. please)

Mothers Board

Mother Mary Cooper

Deaconess Board

Evang. Robin Sylve

Usher Board

Sis. Evelyn McCoy

YPWW

Eld. William Atlas

Choir

Min. Donald Fleming

Selection

Choir

Hospitality

Sis. Eva Jackson

Prayer and Bible Band

Sis. Jewell Chappell

Women's Department

Evang. Ruthie Gray

Sunday School

Dea. Johnny Jackson

Ministers Board

Eld. Virgil Kennerly

Selection

Choir

Resolutions – Acknowledgements

Evang. El Marie Brumfield

Obituary

Read Silently

Reflections (3 min. please)

Family, Friends, Clergy

Instrumental

Bro. Larry Jones

Closing Remarks

Recessional

Repast in Dining Room immediately following Service

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## **HOMEGOING CELEBRATION**

will be at

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**Celebration of Life  
for**



*"I will see you again when all God's children get together"*

**Dr. John T. Jones  
Administrative Assistant, Southwest Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction**

Sunrise - March 27, 1931

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Welcome Home!*

**Celebration of Life  
for  
First Administration Asst. Supt. J.T. Jones**

*Supt. Bedell Sanders, Administrative Asst. - Presiding*

Musical Prelude	
Processional	.....Clergy and The Family
Ministry in Music	.....Choir
Invocation	.....Supt. Bedell Sanders
Old Testament Scripture	.....Supt. George Clark
New Testament Scripture	.....Elder Kenneth Starks
Solo	.....Evang. Jessie Stewart

Inspirational Expressions ( 3 min. please)

District Missionary - Evang. Erma Monday  
Jurisdictional Supervisor of Women - Mother Joan Walker

Resolutions:

NewJerusalem COGIC	.....Evang. El Marie Brumfield
Southwest Jurisdiction	.....Supt. Frank Jones

Inspirational Expressions ( 3 min. please)

Representing:	.....
Elders	.....Eld. David Sutton
Pastors	.....Pastor Leroy Ramsy
Superintendents	.....Supt. Donald Clay
General Assembly	.....Supt. Noble Henson
Ministry in Music	.....Southwest Ecclesiastical Jurisdictional Choir

Supt. Robert L. East - Admin. Asst. Chicago, Illinois

Acknowledgements, Cards. Telegrams, Condolences .....Dist. Miss'y Shirley Kingsby

Family Tribute	.....Sis. Alma Jones
Obituary	.....Dist. Miss'y El Marie Brumfield
Solo	.....Dr. Clifton Knight
Eulogy	.....Bishop B. R. Benbow

Recessional

Repast at New Jerusalem COGIC  
420 S. Santa Fe Ave.  
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## To My Husband, My One and Only Love

You loved me from the beginning, you loved me when they said that our love would not last. You were there for me when no one else was. You kept your promise to God and to me, and I will always love you for taking such good care of me. I found you to be a man that was a lover of people. you never met a stranger, because you always made them feel like a friend. You were a man of honor, of integrity, skill and knowledge. Men looked at you as an average man, but I saw you as a giant in your own right. when you were challenged, you never backed down. sometimes I did not understand the things you did, but as we grew together, older and wiser, the more I understood you and loved you.

You made me love you when I did not know how to love by the way you never broke your words to me. You were always my covering. you were my best friend, my lover and my spiritual leader. Honey, I will miss you greatly.

Honey

## “My Daddy”

Although I've seen you in your weakest hour, still in my eyes you were strong. God ministered to you and you ministered to me. You said "Trust in God and Him alone". You taught me to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can and the wisdom to know the difference. But one thing that will never change is that you are the love of my life and I'll always be your baby girl.

Always loving you... your daughter Jayette

## “ My Father”

God said "Let my people be strong" and He put the strength of generations in the hugs of my father;

God said "Let my people be wise" and He blessed my father with wisdom;

God said "Let love be the greatest commandment of all" and He blessed me with my father, because my father is love.

Daddy, you have been an example of God's love and it's hard to imagine not seeing you, not hugging you or listening to your funny stories. You were always there for me and for that I am thankful. I will always feel your love and know that you loved me as I have loved you.

Your Girl... Annette

## “Daddy”

To my Dad whom I love so dear, In my heart you will always be near;

You're on a journey we all must make, Even though you left us behind with heartache;

You are so special in so many ways; There are people who love you and give you praise;

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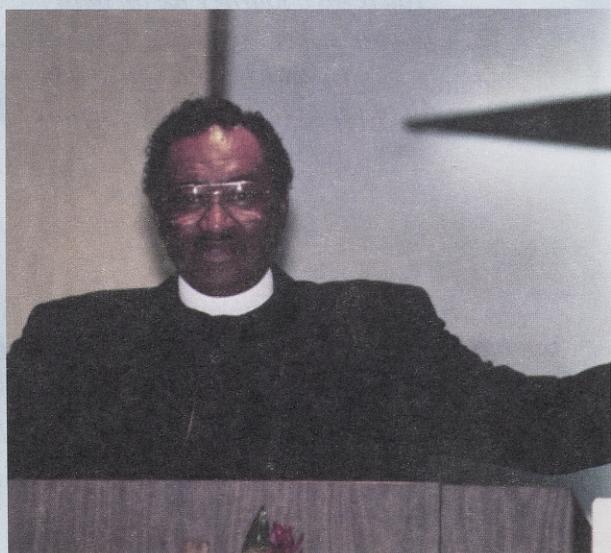
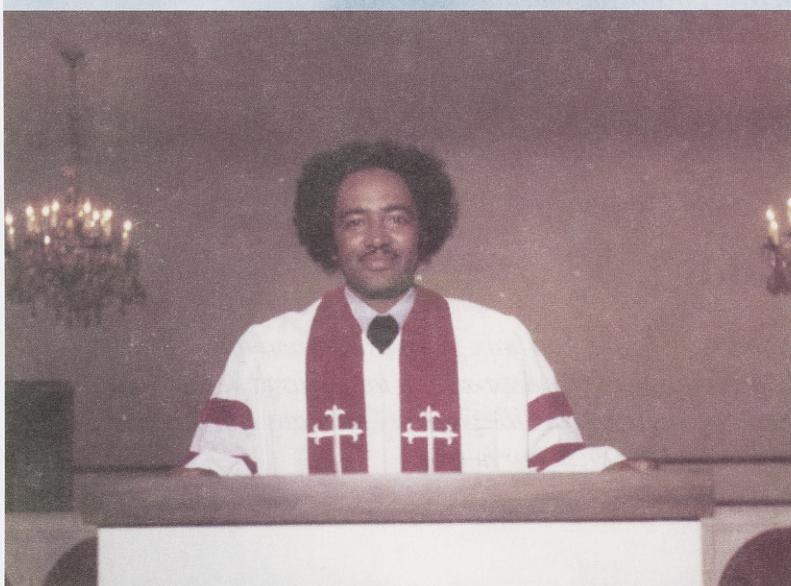
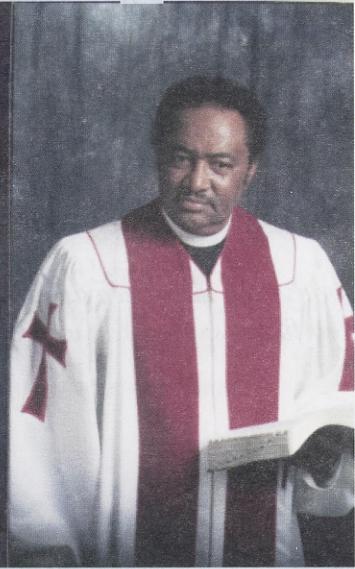
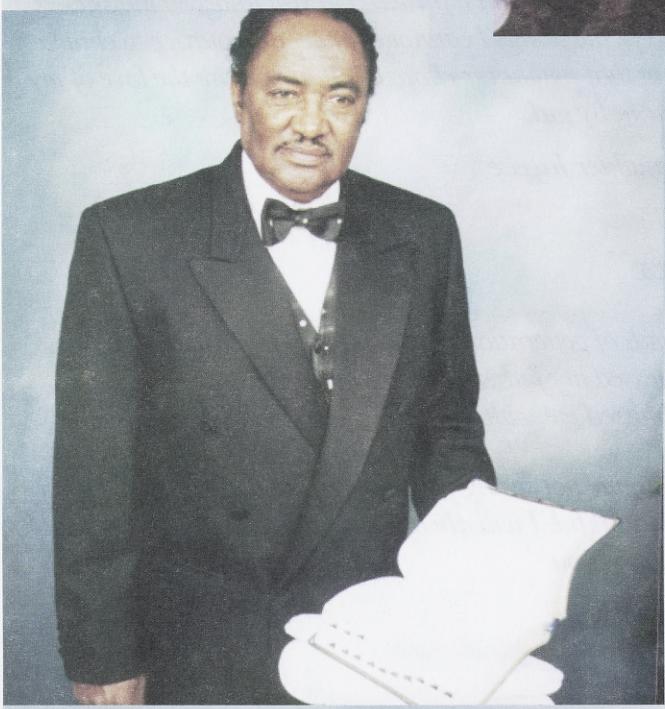
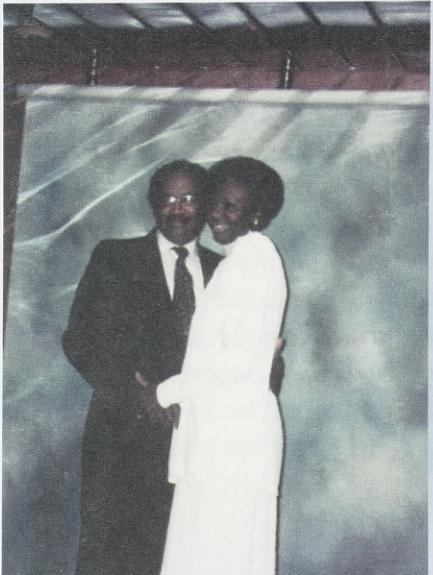
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You were always there and concerned about our well-being. You have given us love and life.

You have inspired and encouraged us to accomplish the things in life we desired. You taught us to be men and for that we are grateful. Daddy, we are proud to carry your name. You are the greatest father any son can have.

You will always be a part of us and live on in our hearts.

Your Sons, Jaye and Fabian









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